

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to a method of treating Alzheimer's disease in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal an anti-microbial agent having anti-*Chlamydia pneumoniae* activity. The invention also relates to a method of diagnosing Alzheimer's disease in a mammal comprising measuring the serum anti-*Chlamydia pneumoniae* antibody titer in a patient suspected of having Alzheimer's disease.

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